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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: U-2 Coverage of Lop Nor and the Shuang-Cheng Tzu  
Missile Test Range

1. This memorandum contains information only.
2. On 31 October 1966, Brig. General Paul Bacalis, OSA, conducted a briefing in the office of the ADD/S&T. Present for this briefing were:

Mr. Carl Duckett - ADD/S&T  
Dr. Donald Chamberlain - D/OSI  
Mr. David Brandwein - FMSAC  
Mr. John Parangosky - OSA

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3. General Bacalis stated at the outset of the briefing that the purpose of the briefing was to make ADD/S&T, FMSAC and OSI fully aware of the present capability of the TACKLE detachment to obtain U-2 photographic coverage of Lop Nor and the Missile Test Range if there is a requirement for such coverage. The plan involved deployment of the TACKLE detachment [redacted] Sample routes to both Lop Nor and the Missile Test Range were presented by Gen. Bacalis.

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4. Conversation among Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. Brandwein and [redacted] indicated that there was no immediate requirement for U-2 coverage of either area. Satellite launches in the month of November would satisfy current requirements.

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5. Mr. Duckett and Mr. Brandwein felt, however, that the U-2 could obtain some needed photographic coverage along


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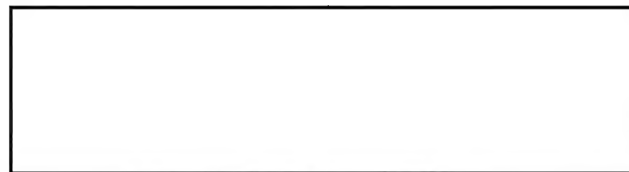
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the supposed track of the missile recently fired as well as photography of Lop Nor. Since it is impossible for the satellites to give east-west coverage, the requirement for this track coverage could best be satisfied by the U-2.


6. Accordingly, it was agreed that Mr. Brandwein and his associates would make known to OSA in detail the target coverage required. Once these targets have been received, OSA will prepare proposed flight plan(s) and brief the ADD/S&T.

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